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MUMBAI RETURNING TO NORMAL

11. (SBU) Indian authorities continue to remove bodies from the Taj Mahal Hotel. Cafe Leopold, site of one attack, intends to reopen November 30. The American School reopens December 1. ConGen Mumbai hopes to return to normal operations December 2. (MG/ConGen Mumbai telcon)

PATIL RESIGNS, FINANCE MINISTER LIKELY SUCCESSOR

12. (U) The Home Minister is bearing the blame for the terrorist attacks. (TimesofIndia.com)

ZARDARI SAYS TOO EARLY TO SEND ISI DIRECTOR TO INDIA

13. (U) The President noted Director Pasha might visit pending further evidence. (CNN-IBN.com)

14. (C) Indian FS Menon denied India had charged Pakistan

with reversing itself on the ISI visit. (MG/Embassy New Delhi e-mail)

PAKISTAN WARNS AGAINST OVERREACTION, VOWS INVESTIGATION

15. (U) President Zardari:

"[I]f any evidence is found, I will take action against those involved... without hesitation, no matter where it will lead to." (CNN-IBN.com)

"Whoever is responsible for this brutal and crude act against the Indian people and India are looking for a reaction....We have to rise above them and make sure ourselves, yourself and the world community guard against overreaction." (AFP)

16. (U) Foreign Minister Qureshi:

"The Indian government has not blamed the government of Pakistan, be very clear about it." (Dawn.com)

"Pakistan feels that finger-pointing and coming to hasty decisions are playing into the hands of the common enemy." (TheNation.com)

INDIA NOTES NO MOBILIZATION; OPPOSITION IMPLIES CONSPIRACY

17. (C) FS Menon told Ambassador Mulford, "no one is mobilizing" and "we're sitting mum." (MG/Embassy New

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Delhi e-mail)

18. (U) The opposition Baratiya Janata Party claimed, "Such a well orchestrated attack could not have taken place without a long and large scale conspiracy." (BJP.org)

19. (U) Former FS Kanwal Sibal ruled out the likelihood of a cross-border strike, saying "The Indian leadership would have to weigh very carefully the consequences of using the military option in the wider context of peace and stability in the region." (AFP)

10. (U) Minimize considered.
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